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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 3, 2011, please consider the amendments and remarks contained on the following pages. Accordingly, with a request for a one-month extension of time, this response is being timely filed on or before December 5, 2011 (December 3, 2011 is a Saturday). The Director is authorized to charge any fees or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

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